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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON GRAIN SALES TO SOVIET

1. ON SEPT. 9 WHITE HOUSE RELEASED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FAVORING LONGER TERM AND MORE CERTAIN PURCHASE UNDERSTANDING WITH SOVIETS PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN MINIMUM PURCHASES. SUCH PROCEDURES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PRICE STABILITY BY ELIMINATING ELEMENTS OF VOLATILITY AND UNPREDICTABILITY WHICH RESULT FROM PRESENT ERRATIC PATTERN OF SOVIET PURCHASES.

2. PRESIDENT PREDICTED IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF LONG-TERM AGREEMENT AND SET OUT NEW
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PROCEDURE FOR SALE OF FEED GRAINS AND WHEAT TO SOVIET STATE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION. HE ANNOUNCED THAT REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE SENT TO SOVIET UNION AT ONCE TO DISCUSS MATTER AND AT SUBSEQUENT PRESS BRIEFING ROBINSON

WAS NAMED AS HEAD OF GROUP. ESTABLISHMENT OF
FOOD COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD-NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS WAS
ALSO ANNOUNCED.

3. MORATORIUM ON GRAIN SALES TO SOVIET UNION UNTIL MID-

OCTOBER WAS ANNOUNCED WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY
TO NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION.
PRESIDENT REQUESTED LONGSHOREMEN TO VOLUNTARILY RESUME
LOADING OF GRAIN WHILE DISCUSSIONS GO FORWARD AND
REFERENCE WAS MADE TO NECESSITY OF COMPLETING SHIPPING
RATE NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT AMERICAN SHIPS COULD CARRY
AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF TONNAGE AS PROVIDED BY MARITIME
AGREEMENT WHICH IS UNDER RENEGOTIATION. KISSINGER

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